ABSTRACT

A CONTROL APPARATUS

A control apparatus (34) is provided for enabling a
user to control by spoken commands a function of a
processor-controlled machine (3a) couplable to speech
processing apparatus. The control apparatus is configured
to provide:

a client module (343) for receiving dialog
interpretable instructions derived from speech data
processed by the speech processing apparatus;

a dialog communication arrangement (340,342a, 340)
for interpreting received dialog interpretable
instructions using a dialog compatible with the
processor-controlled machine (3a) and for communicating
with the processor-controlled machine (3a) using the
dialog to enable information to be provided to the user
in response to received dialog interpretable
instructions, thereby enabling a dialog to be conducted
with the user;

a dialog determiner (342) for determining from
information provided by the processor-controlled machine
(3a) the dialog to be used with that processor-controlled
machine; and

a machine communicator (341) communicating with the
processor-controlled machine to cause the processor-
controlled machine to carry out a function in accordance
with the dialog with the user.

FIG 3